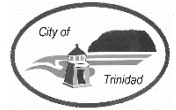


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RESOLUTION 2020-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 20:
THE REDUCING CRIME AND KEEPING CALIFORNIA SAFE ACT.**

WHEREAS, protecting every person in our state, including our most vulnerable children, from violent crime is of the utmost importance. Murderers, rapists, child molesters, and other violent criminals should not be released early from prison; and

WHEREAS, recent changes to parole laws allowed the early release of dangerous criminals by the law's failure to define certain crimes as "violent." These changes allowed individuals convicted of sex trafficking of children, rape of an unconscious person, felony assault with a deadly weapon, battery on a police officer or firefighter, and felony domestic violence to be considered "nonviolent offenders"; and

WHEREAS, as a result, these so-called "non-violent" offenders are eligible for early release from prison after serving only a fraction of the sentence ordered by a judge; and

WHEREAS, a total of 33 of the state's 58 counties saw increases in their violent crime rates in 2017; and

WHEREAS, this measure reforms the law so felons who violate the terms of their release can be brought back to court and held accountable for such violations; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this act is intended to create additional "strike" offenses which would increase the state prison population, nor is it intended to affect the ability of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to award educational and merit credits; and

WHEREAS, recent changes to California law allow individuals who steal repeatedly to face few consequences, regardless of their criminal record or how many times they steal; and

WHEREAS, grocery store operators around the state have seen unprecedented increases in the amount of losses associated with shoplifting in their stores, with some reporting up to 150% increases in these losses; and

WHEREAS, shoplifting incidents have started to escalate in such a manner that have endangered innocent customers and employees; and

WHEREAS, since 2014, the total value of stolen property has increased every year. In 2018, the total value of stolen property in California was 32% higher than the total in 2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trinidad City Council hereby supports Proposition 20: The Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL of Humboldt County of the State of California this October 13, 2020.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Trinidad City Council by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Gabriel Adams
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Mayor

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